Reservation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Services

3090. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has said recently that time bound efforts should be made to complete reservation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in services; and

(b) what steps are initiated afresh to fulfill this assurance of the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) On the directions given by Prime Minister for improving the representation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in services, several steps have been initiated, like review of policies of dereservation, counting Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates who have been selected on merit against reservation quota etc.

Big Industrial Projects

3091. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of big industrial projects sanctioned and taken up for construction during the last three years ;

(b) the details of the projects taken up for construction or already constructed to date and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The details of big industrial projects, each costing over Rs 100 crores, sanctioned between 1-1-1986 to 31-12-1988 and under implementation during the last 3 years, are —

Atomic Energy . . .	3
Civil Aviation . . .	3
Coal	4
Steel	2
Petro-chemical . . .	1
Petroleum	9
Power	10
Photofilms	1
Surface Transport . . .	3
Railways	1

(b) Attention is invited to the details of projects under implementation and those completed with their costs given *inter alia* in the Annual Reports of the Ministry for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 already circulated to Members, and for 1988-89 to be circulated during the current session of Parliament.

Incidence of Filariasis in the Country

3092. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the current estimate of incidence of Filariasis in our country is about 3 million ;

(b) if so, how many years will be required to surgically treat these cases ; and

(c) whether Filariasis has not been given any priority in our National health Plan, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL-

FARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The current estimates of prevalance of filariasis in the country is as under :

Population residing in known endemic areas	—About 360 mil.
Number of persons with circulating micro-filaria in the blood	—About 25 mil.
Number of persons with filaria disease manifestations	—About 19 mil.

(b) No surgical procedure is available so far to treat the irreversible swellings in limbs due to filariasis, However, the Hydrocoele due to filariasis is being seated surgically in the hospitals as and when patients report there.

(c) Due priority has been accorded to control filariasis through National Filaria Control Programme which is under operation in the country since 1955.

Demands received from CGHS Pharmacists Association of INDIA

3093. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demand has been received recently by Government/ C.G.H.S. from C.G.H.S. Pharmacists' Association of India, Delhi for creation of posts of (i) Senior/Head Pharmacists in each system of Medicine in each Dispensary in Delhi and outside Delhi; (ii) Chief Pharmacist in all the Medical Store Depots and sub-Depots and (iii) Pharmacists-in-Chief for Medical Store Depot:

(b) if so, when the demand was received first and action so far taken in this regard by Government/ C.G.H.S.; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be created in C.G.H.S.?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, in pursuance of the recommendations of 4th Pay Commission, a proposal for up-gradation of 223 posts of Pharmacists as Head Pharmacist in the Scale of Rs. 1640-2900 is under consideration.It is not possible to give exact date by which these posts will be upgraded as it requires Consultation with different Ministries/ Departments.

Constitution of Committee for C.G.H.S. Pharmacists

3094. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any committee was constituted by Government to look into the grievances of CGHS Pharmacists ; if so, when the committee was constituted ; and what was its composition ;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report to Government' if so, when and the main recommendations of the Committee ;

(c) the details of demands which have been implemented and those which are pending for implementation with the Central Government Health Scheme/Government ; and

(d) by when the pending demands/ recommendations are likely to be implemented by Government/ CGHS?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS